

Whereas all of the following players should be congratulated for their teamwork, sportsmanship, and display of impressive athletic talent, including—

- (1) Bella Bell;
- (2) Maddie Berezowitz;
- (3) Gabby Curry;
- (4) Sophie Fischer;
- (5) Elise Goetzinger;
- (6) Madison Lilley;
- (7) Kendyl Paris;
- (8) Reagan Rutherford;
- (9) Cameron Scheitzach;
- (10) Avery Skinner;
- (11) Madi Skinner;
- (12) Alli Stumler;
- (13) Azhani Tealer;
- (14) Lauren Sharp; and
- (15) Riah Walker; and

Whereas the University of Kentucky Wildcats are the pride of the students, alumni, and loyal fans of the University and the Commonwealth of Kentucky: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Kentucky Wildcats for—

(A) winning the 2020 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Volleyball Championship; and

(B) completing a successful 2020–2021 season; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate prepare an official copy of this resolution for presentation to—

(A) the President of the University of Kentucky, Dr. Eli Capilouto;

(B) the Athletics Director of the University of Kentucky, Mitch Barnhart; and

(C) the Head Coach of the University of Kentucky Women's Volleyball Team, Craig Skinner.

SENATE RESOLUTION 190—RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS AMTRAK

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 190

Whereas, on October 30, 1970, Congress enacted the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-518; 84 Stat. 1327), which created the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (commonly known and referred to in this preamble as “Amtrak”) to assume the responsibility of providing the United States with nationwide passenger rail service, which began on May 1, 1971;

Whereas May 1, 2021, marks 50 years since the date Amtrak began providing passenger rail service to individuals in the United States;

Whereas Amtrak connects over 500 communities across 46 States, the District of Columbia, and 3 Canadian Provinces;

Whereas, in 2019, Amtrak provided over 32,000,000 trips, the highest yearly ridership in its history;

Whereas the total annual economic impact of Amtrak and the passengers it serves across the United States exceeds \$8,000,000,000;

Whereas Amtrak has formed valuable partnerships with 17 States to operate 28 regionalized routes, which resulted in 15,400,000 trips in 2019;

Whereas Amtrak operates 15 long-distance routes that resulted in 4,600,000 trips in 2019;

Whereas the Acela and the Northeast Regional, 2 services of Amtrak along the Northeast Corridor, provided 12,500,000 trips in 2019; and

Whereas Amtrak provides a number of essential services and public benefits, which include—

(1) serving as the only source of public transportation in many rural communities;

(2) employing approximately 16,000 people and supporting tens of thousands of additional jobs in the communities it serves; and

(3) because Amtrak is 47 percent more energy efficient than car travel and 33 percent more energy efficient than air travel (as measured by passenger miles), providing an environmentally friendly way to travel: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes—

(1) 50 years of service by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (commonly known and referred to in this resolution as “Amtrak”);

(2) the need for safe and affordable national passenger rail service in the United States;

(3) that Amtrak provides a vital connection for both urban and rural communities throughout the United States and, in the process, contributes to the economic growth of those communities; and

(4) that the restoration and expansion of the services that Amtrak provides is in the interest of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 191—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 191

Whereas, each year, the underground utility infrastructure of the United States, including pipelines, electric, gas, telecommunications, water, sewer, and cable television lines, is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to locate underground utility lines prior to digging;

Whereas some utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making the lines easy to strike, even during shallow digging projects;

Whereas digging prior to locating underground utility lines often results in unintended consequences, such as service interruption, environmental damage, personal injury, and even death;

Whereas the month of April marks the beginning of the peak period during which excavation projects are carried out around the United States;

Whereas, in 2002, Congress required the Department of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission to establish a 3-digit, nationwide, toll-free number to be used by State “One Call” systems to provide information on underground utility lines;

Whereas, in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated “811” as the nationwide “One Call” number for homeowners and excavators to use to obtain information on underground utility lines before conducting excavation activities;

Whereas the 1,700 members of the Common Ground Alliance, who are dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services, promote the national “Call Before You Dig” campaign to

increase public awareness about the importance of homeowners and excavators calling 811 to find out the exact location of underground utility lines;

Whereas the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-90; 125 Stat. 1904) affirmed and expanded the “One Call” program by eliminating exemptions given to local and State government agencies and their contractors regarding notifying “One Call” centers before digging;

Whereas, according to the Common Ground Alliance's 2019 Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) Report published in October 2020, there were an estimated 532,000 instances of excavation-related damage to underground facilities in the United States during 2019, a 4.5 percent increase from the Common Ground Alliance's 2018 estimate;

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance conducted a survey in 2020 and found that 50 percent of the more than 1,800 respondents were aware of 811, the highest level since the survey was first conducted in 2008;

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance estimated that the societal costs of excavation-related damage to buried utilities were \$30,000,000,000 in 2019, including costs for facility repair, property damage, medical bills, and costs to the surrounding businesses affected by the resulting utility outages; and

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance has designated April as “National Safe Digging Month” to increase awareness of safe digging practices across the United States and to celebrate the anniversary of 811, the national “Call Before You Dig” number: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month;

(2) encourages all homeowners and excavators throughout the United States to call 811 before digging; and

(3) encourages all damage prevention stakeholders to help educate homeowners and excavators throughout the United States about the importance of calling 811 before digging.

SENATE RESOLUTION 192—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2021 AS “MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH”

Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 192

Whereas motorcycling is a great United States tradition enjoyed by an estimated 30,000,000 people annually, representing approximately 11 percent of the population;

Whereas motorcycles are a valuable component of the transportation mix;

Whereas motorcycles are fuel-efficient and decrease congestion while having little impact on our Nation's transportation infrastructure;

Whereas the motorcycling community promotes rider safety education, licensing, and motorcycle awareness;

Whereas the motorcycling community is committed to decreasing motorcycle crashes through training and safety education, personal responsibility, and increased public awareness;

Whereas approximately 91 percent of motorcycles are operated on highways in conjunction with other vehicles;